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Using the Participant Handbook

This participant handbook is your personal guide to the DriveSafe NT program.

The handbook should be read by both you and your supervising driver; keep it somewhere safe and refer to it often.

Contained within this handbook are:

**Section 1**

- information about the DriveSafe NT program – what the steps are, when you can attempt each stage of the program and what is expected of you as a participant in the program

- instructions on how to use the DriveSafe NT Online system to track your learning progress, book Drive 1 and Drive 2 theory classes, request e-vouchers for subsidised driving lessons and request a pre-VORT practical driving assessment

**Section 2**

- an outline of the Practical Driving Competencies you will need to learn, practice and demonstrate to become a safe driver in preparedness to qualify for your provisional licence
Section 3

• a **record of driving lessons** where you can track each lesson with your DriveSafe NT driving instructor and any practical competencies signed off during the lesson

• a **supervised driving log** where you can record time spent practising your new driving skills

The completed supervised driving log is your record to demonstrate that you have done the number of hours practice required to qualify for DriveSafe NT incentives, such as fuel vouchers.

*Note:* This DriveSafe NT Participant Handbook does not contain detailed information about road rules and licensing requirements. Road rules and licensing requirements can be found in the NT Road User Handbook provided in your participant pack, online at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent or purchased at your local Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) office.
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Welcome to DriveSafe NT

Congratulations on joining DriveSafe NT. You have taken the first step towards gaining your driver’s licence and becoming a safe and responsible road user.

DriveSafe NT is a driver education, training and licensing program administered by the Department of Lands and Planning and supported by the Territory Insurance Office.

The DriveSafe NT program assists Territory drivers aged 16–25 years to become safer road users by providing them with:

- all course materials – DriveSafe NT Participant Pack
- minimum of 9 hours classroom based theory driver and road safety education – Drive 1 and 2 theory classes
- learner (Ls) and provisional (Ps) license and testing fees
- keys2drive lesson for the learner and supervising driver
- 10 subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers valued at $40 each to help with the cost of professional driving lessons
- one pre-Vehicle on Road Test assessment
- First@Scene – St John Ambulance NT online first aid course
- incentives to support supervised driving practice
- access to online tools to track and manage your driver education
- support for the learner driver and their supervising driver with printed and online materials at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent and a dedicated DriveSafe NT team contactable on 1800 121 411 or email drivesafent@nt.gov.au

A driver’s licence gives you independence and access to more employment opportunities. But it will also bring increased responsibility.
When driving on the road you are responsible not only for your own safety, but that of family and friends in your car and other people using the road.

Newly licensed drivers are sadly over-represented in serious road crashes.

- One third of drivers killed on Australian roads are between 16 and 25 years of age.
- Drivers in their first year of unsupervised driving (those on their Ps) are 3 times more likely to be involved in road crashes than more experienced drivers.

However, research has shown that if learner drivers have 50 or more hours of practice during their learner period, their risk of crashing once they have their provisional licence is reduced by about one third.

The bottom line is that the more driving practice young people have as learner drivers, the safer they will be when they go solo.
You’ve enrolled in DriveSafe NT - what now?

The DriveSafe NT program is designed to help you on your way to safe and responsible driving.

We know it can be daunting going from being a passenger to the person in control of a vehicle, responsible for your safety and that of your passengers and everyone else on the roads. That’s why DriveSafe NT is designed in stages. As you master the basic vehicle control skills you will progressively develop skills in more complex driving tasks.

Your instructors, parents or supervising drivers and the DriveSafe NT team will be with you at each step of the process to support you in your journey to becoming a safe, competent and responsible road user.

How long do you have to be in the DriveSafe NT program?

The minimum completion time for the program is based on the minimum learner licence holding period, which is currently 6 months.

Do not feel like you have to complete the program in 6 months – take your time and get as much learning and driving practice as you can. You have up to 2 years to complete the DriveSafe NT program.
DriveSafe NT program stages

Minimum competencies 1 - 11 to be achieved

Remaining competencies up to 23 to be achieved

Enrolment
Drive 1 Theory Class
Driver Knowledge Test
Learner Licence
FREE Keys2Drive Lesson
5x Subsidised Lesson e-vouchers
First Aid Course
Drive 2 Theory Class
5x Subsidised Lesson e-vouchers
Pre-VORT Assessment
Vehicle On Road Test (VORT)
Provisional Licence

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What is expected of you in the DriveSafe NT program?

As a DriveSafe NT participant you are responsible for managing your driver education and training. We will provide you with tools to assist you, but it will be up to you to ensure that you book and attend the required classes and activities, you conduct yourself appropriately and you do any required preparation for your DriveSafe NT activities.

When you enrolled in the DriveSafe NT program you signed a declaration that you will abide by the DriveSafe NT Participant Code of Conduct when involved in any DriveSafe NT activities. A copy of the Code of Conduct is included in your participant pack and available online at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent

If you are concerned about any aspect of the DriveSafe NT program or your progress through it, contact DriveSafe NT to discuss.
DriveSafe NT Online

DriveSafe NT Online is your personal online system that records all your compulsory learning activities and bookings.

You will be given access to a DriveSafe NT Online home page from which you book your theory classes, request subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers and track your progress through the program.

Alternatively, you can interact with DriveSafe NT Online by telephone or SMS.

Note: Call charges may apply from mobile phones to 1800 121 411. Standard text charges apply for any SMS sent to DriveSafe NT Online.

Logging in

DriveSafe NT Online can be accessed at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent

To log in you will need:

• your Customer ID, which was provided to you when you enrolled

• your PIN, which was sent to you via your preferred contact method (email or SMS) shortly after you enrolled.

The first time you log in to DriveSafe NT Online you should:

• check that your personal details are correct

• set your secret question and answer

• change your PIN to a number you will remember.

Changing your personal details

If you need to update your personal details displayed on DriveSafe NT Online, including your address, email or mobile phone number, contact DriveSafe NT on 1800 121 411 or email drivesafent@nt.gov.au
Incorrect Customer ID, PIN or voucher request attempts

DriveSafe NT Online will only allow 3 incorrect log in or voucher request attempts before locking for 15 minutes.

MVR and DriveSafe NT staff are unable to access your account or reset your PIN during this time.

Resetting your PIN

If you forget your PIN (and your account is not locked), call DriveSafe NT on 1800 121 411 during business hours to have your PIN reset.

You will need to identify yourself to DriveSafe NT staff by providing the answer to your secret question.

DriveSafe NT staff do not have access to your actual PIN. A new PIN will be sent to you via SMS or email, depending on your preferred contact method.
Towards your Ls - steps to getting your learner licence

Drive 1 theory class

As a DriveSafe NT participant you will be taken through a short theory course (a minimum of 6 hours), which aims to teach you everything you need to know to help you pass the learner licence Driver Knowledge Test and get you thinking about safety on the road.

We strongly recommend that you take the time to read the NT Road User Handbook (included in your DriveSafe NT Participant Pack) before you attend a Drive 1 theory class.

How to book a Drive 1 theory class

- Log in to DriveSafe NT Online with your Customer ID and PIN.
- Click on the ‘Manage my theory classes’ box at the bottom of the page.
- Click the word ‘Book’ next to your preferred class from the list of available theory classes displayed.
- Once you have made a selection and booked, the date(s) and time(s) of your class will be displayed in the ‘My Diary’ section of your page.

If you are unable to go online to book a theory class, contact DriveSafe NT during business hours on 1800 121 411.

Note: Some scheduled classes may only be available to students who attend a particular school/institution or to participants with English as a Second Language (ESL). These classes will be identified on the booking screen.

Changing your selected theory class

If for some reason you are unable to attend the selected theory class it is important that you change your selection at least 5 days before the class is due to begin.
To change your selected class go to the ‘Manage my theory classes’ section of DriveSafe NT Online and select an alternative class.

If you do not change your theory class booking before the scheduled class you will need to wait until the theory instructor for that class enters a ‘did not attend’ result before being able to book another class on DriveSafe NT Online.

**What do you need to take to your Drive 1 theory class?**

Please make sure that you take the following:

- your DriveSafe NT Participant Handbook
- your NT Road User Handbook
- a pen and notepad.

Not all venues will have access to shops or vending machines for you to purchase snacks during class breaks. You may wish to take a snack and a bottle of water with you.
Drive 1 theory assessment - Driver Knowledge Test

The Driver Knowledge Test (DKT) is the assessment component of the Drive 1 theory class.

The test will be conducted by the theory instructor at the end of the class session.

The DKT is a multiple-choice test with 35 questions. To pass the DKT you must get at least 31 questions correct.

All questions in the DKT are based on information contained in the NT Road User Handbook and the content learned during the Drive 1 theory class.

A passing mark in the DKT qualifies you for a learner licence and your subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers.

Even if you already have your learner licence you will still be required to pass the Driver Knowledge Test to progress in the DriveSafe NT program.

The theory instructor will mark your test and let you know whether you have passed.

If you have passed the DKT your theory instructor will update your details online within 24 hours and you will be eligible to receive your first 5 e-vouchers for subsidised driving lessons with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor.

Please allow up to one week after completing your Drive 1 theory class to receive your new learner licence in the mail.

Do not be discouraged if you do not pass the Driver Knowledge Test on your first go – not everyone passes with their first attempt.

The theory instructor may recommend one of the options below if you do not pass the test.

- Attend another full Drive 1 theory class – you will need to contact DriveSafe NT on 1800 121 411 and they will book you into another class.
- Do a verbal (spoken) test with an MVR/DriveSafe NT staff member – please contact DriveSafe NT on 1800 121 411.
You’re a learner driver - towards your Ps

Congratulations! You have your learner licence.

Your learner licence will be mailed out to you once you have successfully completed your Driver Knowledge Test (the assessment for the Drive 1 theory class).

What does having your learner licence mean?

Having your learner licence means you can learn to drive a car while you are accompanied by a supervising driver.

As well as complying with all road rules and traffic laws, the following are additional requirements for learner licence holders.

Speed

You may not exceed 80 km/h, irrespective of the sign-posted speed limit, unless under the direct supervision of an authorised driving instructor conducting a training program approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles (i.e. on a paid or DriveSafe NT subsidised lesson).

Alcohol

You must have a zero Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) at all times while driving.

Supervision

You must be accompanied, in the front seat nearest to you, by a fully licensed (not provisional) driver at all times while driving.

Carrying your licence

All drivers must carry their licence with them at all times while driving. Supervising drivers must also carry their licence.
Displaying L-plates

You must display approved L-plates that are clearly visible to the front and rear of your vehicle and that do not obstruct your vision while driving.

L-plates must have the letter ‘L’ in black on a yellow background. The plate must be a minimum of 150mm wide and 150mm tall.

L-plates must not be displayed when the person driving the vehicle is not a learner driver, so make sure you remember to display and then remove your L-plates from the vehicle when you start and finish a supervised practice drive.

Mobile phones and other devices

Learner drivers are not permitted to use a mobile phone in any form while driving, including hands-free devices and texting.

Demerit points

Accumulating 5 or more demerit points within a 12-month period will trigger action against your learner licence.
Practical driving training and experience

Once you have received your learner licence you can commence driving training.

The DriveSafe NT program provides:

• 1 free keys2drive lesson for the learner driver along with their supervising driver

• 10 subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers valued at $40 each for training with a DriveSafe NT registered driving instructor.

Supervised driving practice with a fully licensed driver, such as a family member or friend between lessons is also strongly encouraged.

“Remember: The more practice you can get, the faster you will be eligible for incentives – and you’ll be learning to be a safer, more confident driver at the same time!”
keys2drive

The keys2drive lesson, while highly recommended, is not a compulsory component of the DriveSafe NT program. The free lesson introduces the keys2drive approach for learner drivers in Australia.

To enrol for your free keys2drive lesson visit www.keys2drive.com.au

Lessons with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor

Lessons with a registered DriveSafe NT driving instructor are a compulsory part of the DriveSafe NT program and will provide you with the basic on-road driving skills described as competencies at Section 2 of this handbook. As you progress through lessons with your driving instructor, you will be ‘signed off’ on each applicable competency.

Some people may not need to use all of the DriveSafe NT subsidised lessons with their driving instructor; others might need more than the 10 subsidised lessons to achieve all of the practical driving competencies.
Selecting a driving instructor

A list of DriveSafe NT registered driving instructors is available on the DriveSafe NT website at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent

You will need to contact your preferred driving instructor to arrange a day and time for your driving lessons.

Your driving instructor will be able to update your online records with the details of any lessons you have done and competencies you have achieved. They can also view the competencies you have achieved previously, allowing them to better plan your lessons and focus on skills and competencies you are yet to achieve. Only your current driving instructor is able to access this information.

When booking a lesson, make sure you ask your driving instructor how much you will be required to pay in addition to your DriveSafe NT e-voucher for each lesson. DriveSafe NT e-vouchers do not cover the full cost of your driving lessons.

When booking a lesson, check with your driving instructor regarding their cancellation policy and any fees you may be required to pay if you cancel or do not show for a pre-arranged lesson. DriveSafe NT e-vouchers can only be used to subsidise lessons that actually take place.

It is important that you find a driving instructor you are comfortable learning with. If for any reason you are not comfortable with your selected driving instructor, you can change instructors.

You can change driving instructors online. You must wait 48 hours from your lesson with your previous driving instructor before changing. This ensures that competencies for your lessons are submitted correctly by your previous driving instructor.
DriveSafe NT e-vouchers

Ten 1 hour subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers are included in the DriveSafe NT program. Each e-voucher is valued at $40. These vouchers are used to subsidise the cost of professional driver training required to progress through the program.

You will need to pay the difference between the tuition fees set by your driving instructor and the e-voucher – usually between $20 and $40 per lesson.

E-vouchers are not physical paper vouchers and cannot be transferred between DriveSafe NT participants.

E-vouchers cannot be used by any person who is not enrolled in the DriveSafe NT program.

The subsidised e-vouchers are released to you in the following stages:

- The first 5 subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers are made available after successful completion of Drive 1 theory.
- The remaining 5 subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers are made available after successful completion of Drive 2 theory.
E-voucher validity

DriveSafe NT e-vouchers are only valid for 72 hours after you request them. We suggest that you only request your e-voucher 24 hours before your arranged subsidised driving lesson.

If an e-voucher is not used within 72 hours it will expire. Expired e-vouchers cannot be used to pay for a driving lesson and will not count towards your total voucher allowance.

You can only use 1 e-voucher every 7 days.

Requesting e-vouchers

There are 3 ways to request an e-voucher to use for a subsidised driving lesson:

• online
• via SMS
• freecall DriveSafe NT.

Online e-voucher request

1. Log in to DriveSafe NT Online using your Customer ID and PIN.

2. If you are eligible to request and use e-vouchers a ‘Manage my e-vouchers’ box will display at the bottom of the page. Click on this box. A summary of your e-voucher usage and availability will display.

3. Click on the text ‘Request an e-voucher’.

4. An e-voucher number will be displayed on screen. Take note of your e-voucher number to provide to your driving instructor at the start of your subsidised driving lesson.
**SMS (mobile phone) e-voucher request**

1. Type the message below into your mobile phone:

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   REQUEST space 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 space 9 8 7 6
   (your Customer ID number) (your PIN)
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2. Send the text message to **0427 767 708**.

3. If your request is successful you will receive a message back to the mobile phone you sent the message from, and to your nominated contact (either email or phone – if different to the number sending the request) with the e-voucher number.

**Freecall DriveSafe NT e-voucher request**

1. Phone **1800 121 411**.

2. Follow the prompts to ‘request an e-voucher’.

3. An e-voucher number will be read out to you.

4. Make note of the e-voucher number so you can provide it to your driving instructor at the start of your subsidised driving lesson.
Recovering your e-voucher number if you forget it

If you have lost or forgotten your current e-voucher number for any reason (e.g. lost your mobile phone or misplaced your notes) it is simple to recover it.

There are 3 ways to recover an e-voucher to use for a driving lesson:

• online
• via SMS
• freecall DriveSafe NT.

If you have a current unused e-voucher you will be provided with the same voucher number again.

**Online e-voucher recovery**

1. Log in to DriveSafe NT Online using your Customer ID and PIN.
2. Click on the ‘Manage my e-vouchers’ box. Your current e-voucher number will be displayed on screen along with a summary of your usage so far.
3. Make note of the e-voucher number so you can provide this number to your driving instructor at the start of your subsidised driving lesson.
**SMS (mobile phone) e-voucher recovery**

1. Type the message below into your mobile phone:

   R E C O V E R space 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 space 9 8 7 6

   (your Customer ID number)   (your PIN)

2. Send the text message to **0427 767 708**.

3. If your recovery request is successful, you will receive a message back to the mobile phone you sent the message from, and to your nominated contact (either email or phone – if different to the number sending the request) with the e-voucher number.

**Freecall DriveSafe NT e-voucher recovery**

1. Phone **1800 121 411**.

2. Follow the prompts to ‘recover an e-voucher’.

3. An e-voucher number will be read out to you.

4. Make note of the e-voucher number so you can provide it to your driving instructor at the start of your subsidised driving lesson.
Using an e-voucher with your DriveSafe NT driving instructor

Starting the lesson

At the start of your driving lesson your driving instructor will ask for your e-voucher number. They will send a text message from their mobile phone to DriveSafe NT to confirm that the e-voucher is valid. A response will usually be received within a couple of minutes.

You will also receive a message via SMS or email to confirm that the voucher has been used. If you receive a message that a voucher has been used and you did not have a driving lesson please contact DriveSafe NT within 48 hours of receiving the message.

At the end of the lesson

At the end of your driving lesson your driving instructor will either send a text message to DriveSafe NT to update your online records with any competencies you achieved during the lesson or submit later online. Your instructor may also keep their own written record of these competencies.

Ask your driving instructor to complete the lesson record within this handbook if you want to keep a written record, in addition to your online record of lessons and any competencies achieved.

What if there is no mobile phone reception during your lesson?

If you are out of mobile range at the beginning or end of your lesson your driving instructor has 24 hours to validate your e-voucher and update your DriveSafe NT Online record with any competencies you achieved during that lesson.
Non-vouchered / user-pays driving lessons

If you want to have more than 1 driving lesson per week, or you have already completed all 10 of your subsidised lessons but have not yet completed all of your driving competencies, you can pay for additional lessons with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor.

You will need to discuss with your driving instructor the cost of these lessons, and pay for them yourself.

After each lesson your driving instructor will update your DriveSafe NT Online record with any competencies achieved during the lesson. Your online record should be updated within 24 hours.

Ask your driving instructor to complete the lesson record within this handbook if you want to keep a written record, in addition to your online record of lessons and any competencies achieved.
Supervised driving

Although we do not currently require a minimum number of supervised driving hours in the NT before a learner is able to attain their provisional licence, learners are encouraged to get as much practice as they can before moving on to driving unsupervised.

The DriveSafe NT program provides incentives for learner drivers who can demonstrate 40, 60 and 80 supervised driving hours.

Remember that the more practice you get under supervision as a learner driver the more comfortable you will be when it comes to attempting the practical driving assessment (VORT) and, ultimately, the safer you will be once you are out on the road unsupervised.

Learner drivers who have 50 or more hours of supervised driving practice reduce their risk of crashing by about one third once they are on their Ps.
First@Scene – online first aid course

Access online at: www.firstatscene.com.au

As a road user, you are most likely to come across a person in need of first aid assistance as a passenger of the vehicle involved or as a passer by. Your knowledge of the basics of first aid and your response to injury within the first 3 minutes can minimise injury and even save a life.

First@Scene is an online first aid course designed by St John Ambulance NT to teach the skills required to apply first aid at the scene of a road accident. The course will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

First@Scene will guide you through both text and pictorial demonstrations of techniques and approaches to first aid skills including:

- introduction to first aid
- basic life support - DRSABCD
- wounds and bleeding.

Throughout the course, you will be prompted to answer a series of questions testing your comprehension of first aid training taught.

After successful completion of the test, you will be issued with a certificate of completion that can be printed or downloaded and saved.

The First@Scene course is a compulsory component of the DriveSafe NT program.

If you already have a current first aid certificate you will not need to complete the First@Scene course, however you will need to bring evidence of having successfully completed an ‘Apply first aid program’
(this may also be called Senior First Aid) within the last 2 years to the Drive 2 theory class and have it sighted by the theory instructor.

If you need assistance in accessing or completing **First@Scene** or if you have a question about the course, please contact St John Ambulance NT. A member in each of their regionally based teams will be able to assist you.

Email: firstatscene@stjohnnt.asn.au

Phone: 1300 360 455

**First@Scene** is accessed online at [www.firstatscene.com.au](http://www.firstatscene.com.au).
Drive 2 theory

Drive 2 theory is a compulsory requirement of the DriveSafe NT program. You will need to attend and participate in the Drive 2 theory class to receive the second instalment of 5 e-vouchers.

You are eligible to attend a Drive 2 theory class after achieving, at a minimum, competencies 1 to 11 and being within the program for at least 2 months.

Drive 2 theory class

The purpose of the Drive 2 theory class (a minimum of 3 hours) is to help develop responsible attitudes to driving. You will explore how you can accept accountability for your own behaviour as a driver assisting you to develop the appropriate skills and knowledge to drive safely on Northern Territory roads.

How to book a Drive 2 theory class

• Log in to DriveSafe NT Online with your Customer ID and PIN.

• If you are eligible to do a theory class you will see a ‘Manage my theory classes’ box at the bottom of the page. Click on this box.

• Click the word ‘Book’ next to your preferred class when a list of available theory classes is displayed.

• Once you have made a selection and booked, the date(s) and time(s) of your class will be displayed in the ‘My Diary’ section of your page.

If you are unable to go online to book a theory class, contact DriveSafe NT on 1800 121 411.

Note: Some scheduled classes may only be available to students who attend a particular school/institution or to participants with English as a Second Language (ESL). These classes will be identified on the booking screen.
Changing your selected theory class

If you are unable to attend the selected theory class it is important that you change your selection at least 5 days before the class is due to begin.

To change your selected class go to the 'Manage my theory classes' section of DriveSafe NT Online and select an alternative class.

If you do not change your theory class booking before the scheduled class you will need to wait until the theory instructor for that class enters a ‘did not attend’ result before you can book another class at DriveSafe NT Online.

What do you need to take to your Drive 2 theory class?

Please make sure that you take the following:

- your First@Scene certificate, or a copy of your ‘Apply first aid’ program certificate (this may also be called Senior First Aid) completed within the last 2 years
- your DriveSafe NT Participant Handbook
- a pen and notepad.

Not all venues will have access to shops or vending machines for you to purchase snacks during class breaks. You may wish to take a snack and a bottle of water with you.
Drive 2 theory assessment

To pass the Drive 2 theory assessment you will need to attend the class, participate in discussions and activities, and provide evidence of completing your First@Scene course or other first aid certificate.

If you complete all these tasks, your theory instructor will update your details online within 24 hours and you will be eligible to receive your remaining 5 e-vouchers for subsidised driving lessons with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor.

If you do not supply your first aid certificate your theory instructor will not mark you as passed and you will be unable to receive your remaining e-vouchers.
More driving lessons and supervised driving practice

With your driving instructor you should be working towards completing your remaining practical driving competencies.

During this stage of your learning you should be competent in the basic controls of a car and working towards performing more complex manoeuvres and driving in more difficult conditions.

It is highly recommended that you take your time at this stage of the program and try to get as much driving practice with your supervising driver and driving instructor as you can.
Pre-Vehicle On Road Test (VORT) assessment

The pre-VORT assessment is a compulsory component of the DriveSafe NT program. Participants are provided one free attempt at a pre-VORT assessment.

Once you have achieved all 23 practical competencies and have been in the program for at least 5 months you can attempt your pre-VORT assessment. You will receive a message from DriveSafe NT when you are eligible to attempt a pre-VORT assessment.

The pre-VORT assessment is a full revision and assessment of competencies as described at Section 2 of this handbook. It is attempted with a DriveSafe NT registered assessor.

Booking a pre-VORT assessment

Once you receive the message that you are eligible to attempt a pre-VORT assessment you can log in to DriveSafe NT Online and select your preferred assessor.

Your selected assessor will contact you via email or on your mobile phone number listed with DriveSafe NT, to arrange a date and time to do your pre-VORT assessment.
Doing the pre-VORT assessment - what can you expect?

Your pre-VORT assessment will take approximately 1 hour. Your assessor will be watching your driving and assessing whether you are able to perform a number of competencies unassisted.

To pass the pre-VORT assessment drive you must be able to demonstrate a minimum of 18 requested competencies without assistance.

Your assessor will let you know if you have been successful on the pre-VORT assessment drive and update your DriveSafe NT online record.

How much will the pre-VORT assessment cost?

The cost of your first attempt at a pre-VORT assessment is included in your DriveSafe NT enrolment. Your assessor cannot request additional payment for your first pre-VORT assessment.

If you are unsuccessful at your first attempt you will need to arrange another pre-VORT assessment. You will need to pay the assessor $70 per attempt for your second and any subsequent pre-VORT assessments.

What do you need to take with you for the pre-VORT assessment?

You must take your current NT learner licence and, if you want to keep a written record, your participant handbook.
Vehicle On Road Test (VORT)

The VORT is a formal practical assessment conducted by Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) licence testing officers to confirm that your driving ability meets the minimum requirements to drive unsupervised. The VORT is the final step in achieving your provisional licence.

Once you have completed all DriveSafe NT program elements and have held your learner licence for a minimum continuous period of 6 months, you will be able to book your VORT. The VORT testing fee (for one attempt), and your provisional licence fee, when you pass, are included in the DriveSafe NT enrolment fee.

You can do this by visiting or phoning an MVR office. When booking a VORT, make sure you tell them that you are a DriveSafe NT participant.

DriveSafe NT will pay for 1 VORT attempt, but you will need to pay for any subsequent attempts. You can book this directly with the licence testing officer at the time or call MVR to arrange.

“Don’t rush!
You do not have to attempt the VORT straight away. Keep up the supervised driving practice – the more practice you have the more comfortable and relaxed you will be behind the wheel.”
Booking a VORT

To book a VORT contact your local MVR office.

**MVR Call Centre 1300 654 628**

**MVR Parap**
18 Goyder Road

**MVR Casuarina**
Ethos House
Trower Road

**MVR Palmerston**
Palm Plaza
University Avenue

**MVR Alice Springs**
North Stuart Highway

**MVR Katherine**
Government Centre
First Street

When you book your VORT, MVR staff will check that you have completed all DriveSafe NT program requirements and that you are eligible for issue of a provisional licence.
What do you need to take to your VORT?

When you attend your VORT you must take your current NT learner licence with you.

You must also provide a **registered and roadworthy vehicle** of the correct classification for the test – i.e. if you have learnt and are going for your provisional licence in an automatic, the car used for the VORT should be an automatic.

The vehicle you choose to drive for the VORT may be your own, your supervising driver’s or you may negotiate with your driving instructor to use their vehicle for the test (you may be required to pay the driving instructor for the use of their vehicle).

Whichever you choose, you should have done lots of practice in the vehicle and be comfortable driving in it.

The vehicle must have seatbelts for the driver and the licence testing officer. A third person may accompany you on the test provided they hold a valid driver’s licence and have permission from the licence testing officer.

What do licence testing officers look for?

Assessment of the VORT is based on your ability to demonstrate consistent and appropriate use of the System of Vehicle Control. The assessment has been designed to be fair and consistent.

**Provisional licence**

Following successful completion of the VORT you will be issued with your provisional licence.
Congratulations! You have your provisional licence.

Well done! You now have your provisional licence and have completed the DriveSafe NT program. We hope you have enjoyed your time in the program and have learnt to be a safer, more responsible driver.

Before you can get your open licence, you must have your provisional licence for at least 2 years if you are under 25.

If you are over 25, you must have your provisional licence for at least one year.

Do not forget that continuing supervised driving practice, even when on your Ps, can be useful, especially when driving in new situations or unfamiliar locations.

Now that you have your provisional licence you still need to comply with all road rules and traffic laws. The following are additional requirements for provisional licence holders.

**Speed**

You may not exceed 100 km/h, irrespective of the sign-posted speed limit.

**Alcohol**

You must have a zero Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) at all times while driving.

**Carrying your licence**

All drivers must carry their licence with them at all times while driving.
Displaying P-plates

You must display approved P-plates that are clearly visible to the front and rear of your vehicle and must not obstruct your vision while driving.

P-plates must have the letter ‘P’ in red on a white background. The plate must be a minimum of 150mm wide and 150mm tall.

P-plates must not be displayed when the person driving the vehicle is not a provisional driver — so make sure you remember to display and then remove your P-plates from the vehicle when you start and finish driving.

Mobile phones and other devices

Provisional drivers are not permitted to use a mobile phone in any form while driving, including hands-free devices and texting.

Demerit points

Accumulating 5 or more demerit points within a 12-month period will trigger action against your provisional licence.
Contacts and more information

More information about the DriveSafe NT program can be found on the DriveSafe NT website at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent

For phone enquiries please contact the DriveSafe NT team on 1800 121 411.

GPO Box 530               Motor Vehicle Registry               Fax:     08 8999 3117
DARWIN NT 0801             18 Goyder Road                        Email:  drivesafent@nt.gov.au
Parap NT 0820
About Practical Driving Competencies

Signing off competencies

To achieve a competency you must be able to demonstrate the requirements of the competency in its entirety, and unaided by the driving instructor. In some cases you will need to demonstrate the competency a number of times during a lesson before your driving instructor will be able to sign off on it.

A competency cannot be signed off during a lesson where you have received help towards completing that competency. Once you have mastered the skills required for a competency during one lesson, your driving instructor will assess you against that competency during your next lesson.

Competencies 1 to 11 at a minimum must be signed off by a DriveSafe NT registered driving instructor prior to undertaking Drive 2 theory.

The remaining competencies up to 23 must be signed off by a DriveSafe NT registered driving instructor prior to booking and attempting the pre-VORT assessment drive.

Self-assessment

Under (or beside) each competency in this handbook is space for you or your driving instructor or supervising driver to make notes or keep track of how you are going with each of the competencies.

This notes section is not compulsory but can provide a useful reference for you and your supervising driver to help make sure that you have practised each of the competencies in a range of conditions and situations as part of your supervised driving practice.
Competency No. 1 Vehicle controls

Performance
The learner driver locates, identifies and describes the function and operation of all vehicle controls, gauges and warning lights.

Conditions
• vehicle parked and secured in a low level traffic area
• engine not running.

Requirements
The learner driver will locate, identify and describe the function or demonstrate operation of the following controls (where applicable):

1. ignition switch
2. steering lock
3. indicators
4. hazard lights
5. washers/wipers
6. warning lights/gauges/buzzers
7. accelerator
8. clutch pedal (if applicable)
9. foot brake
10. foot bracing point
11. park brake
12. gear positions
13. steering wheel adjustments
14. horn
15. air-conditioning system
16. heating system
17. demisting system (front and rear)
18. all lighting controls (including high/low beam control)
19. all door controls
20. other controls fitted (e.g. cruise control, bonnet release, central locking, electric mirror operation and or special modifications).
### Competency No. 2 Cabin drill

**Performance**

The learner driver carries out adjustments required to ensure safe, effective and comfortable operation of the vehicle.

**Conditions**

- seat and mirrors to be incorrectly adjusted prior to assessment
- vehicle parked and secured
- engine not running
- learner driver in driver’s seat.

| Requirements |
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| The learner driver will ensure that: |
| 1. the vehicle is parked and secured |
| 2. the seat restraint is properly adjusted |
| 3. the internal and external mirrors are properly adjusted for appropriate rear visibility |
| 4. the seat belts are secured for all occupants |
| 5. the steering wheel is adjusted correctly |
| 6. all doors are secured. |

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Competency No. 3 Starting up procedure

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates correct starting up procedure.

Conditions
In typical driving situations.

Requirements
The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. the vehicle is secured (park brake applied)
2. the gear lever is in neutral for manual transmission, or park or neutral for automatic transmission
3. clutch pedal is fully depressed (if applicable)
4. ignition is turned on
5. setting the accelerator to recommended position (if applicable)
6. all warning lights/gauges/buzzers are monitored and understood
7. the vehicle is started
8. re-checking warning lights/gauges/buzzers for possible faults.

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Competency No. 4 Moving off procedure

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates moving off from a stationary position safely, efficiently and while maintaining full control of the vehicle.

Conditions
- parked adjacent to kerb in a low level traffic area, preferably free of parked cars, with engine running and park brake on
- stationary from an intersection hold line with park brake applied.

Requirements
The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. foot brake is to be applied (auto or manual)
2. the clutch is depressed (if applicable)
3. the correct gear is selected (auto or manual)
4. mirror use
5. appropriate indication is used
6. appropriate engine revs are applied
7. clutch is at friction point (manual)
8. park brake is released, on all occasions (auto or manual)
9. blind-spot check is performed (from parked position)
10. clutch is released (if applicable)
11. smooth acceleration is applied
12. indicators are cancelled (if required)
13. mirrors again
14. no traffic is obstructed.
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## Competency No. 5 Gear changing

### Performance
The learner driver demonstrates smooth, efficient gear changing and gear selection according to road and traffic conditions, speed and vehicle requirements.

### Conditions
- road and traffic conditions allowing speeds up to posted speed limit
- intersections requiring stopping, slowing or turning
- on steep hills (ascending and descending).

### Requirements
The learner driver will demonstrate:

**Manual:**
1. gear changes that are smooth and efficient
2. selection of the appropriate gear
3. not coasting in neutral or in gear with the clutch depressed
4. using a foot bracing point (where fitted) between gear changes (do not rest foot on clutch pedal).

**Automatic:**
1. use of transmission kick down (to move to a lower gear automatically)
2. use of appropriate gears to help maintain vehicle speed and control while descending a hill
3. use of electronic overdrive (where fitted).
Competency No. 6 Steering control

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates smooth, efficient steering control.

Conditions
• kerbed road (or road with clearly defined edges or edge markings)
• sections of straight and sweeping curves, in low level traffic area with intersections.

Requirements
The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. keeping both hands on the steering wheel except when operating vehicle controls
2. ‘ten to two’ or ‘quarter to three’ hand position
3. smooth steering technique (limited hand over hand may be acceptable during slow manoeuvres)
4. maintaining a steady course on straight and curved roads with no erratic steering corrections and not over or under correcting steering movements
5. maintaining control while entering, or leaving, slip lanes, turns and parked positions.
Competency No. 7 Turns, left and right

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe, efficient and legal road position during left and right turns at intersections.

Conditions
Driving on roads with traffic and intersections with the following turn conditions:
- from a single lane or no marked lane road onto another road
- onto a double/triple marked lane road from another road
- from a double/triple marked lane road onto another double/triple marked lane road.

Requirements
The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. mirror use
2. appropriate indication, including entering roundabouts
3. indication when exiting roundabouts where physically possible
4. monitoring for other road users behind, beside and in front of the vehicle
5. selection of the appropriate turn lane or roundabout entry lane
6. staying within the turn lane boundaries
7. appropriate speed and gear selection on approach, during the turn and upon exiting the turn
8. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic
9. adopting a lane as near as practicable to the boundary of the carriageway
10. exiting into a lane or unmarked carriageway with due regard for traffic, parked vehicles or an upcoming turn
11. exiting into the appropriate corresponding lane or as directed by road markings (where applicable)
12. continually re-checking mirrors throughout the operation
13. ability to follow a steady controlled course throughout the turn.
Competency No. 8 Speed control

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates good speed control at safe and legal speeds while maintaining a safe following distance.

Conditions
- roads with varying speed zones ranging from 40 km/h to 100 km/h
- medium level traffic, allowing travel at or close to the posted speed limit.

Requirements
Note: Learner drivers may only exceed 80 km/h when doing a lesson with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor, however are not to exceed the sign posted maximum speed limit at any time.

- 40 km/h zones (if available)
- 40 km/h school zones (school zone conditions to be replicated if conducted outside school hours)
- 50 km/h zones OR 60 km/h zones
- 70 km/h zones (if available)
- 80 km/h zones
- 90 km/h zone OR 100 km/h (or higher) zone.

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. driving at a safe and appropriate speed for the road and traffic conditions
2. not exceeding the speed limit
3. not unnecessarily slowing other traffic
4. ability and confidence to drive close to or at the speed limit when safe to do so
5. adopt and maintain a safe following distance
6. good observation at all times.
## Competency No. 9 Slowing procedure

### Performance
The learner driver demonstrates controlled and safe slowing procedure.

### Conditions
Varying road conditions with traffic.

### Requirements

*Notes: Left-foot braking is not acceptable at any time.*

Use of gears to slow the vehicle is not permitted; however, progressive downshifting can occur provided the vehicle’s engine does not actively slow the vehicle.

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. mirror use first
2. indication (if applicable)
3. smooth and even slowing
4. progressive braking
5. maintaining full control of the vehicle
6. not skidding or slewing
7. appropriate steering line
8. appropriate gear selection
9. re-checking mirrors.
Competency No. 10 Stopping procedure

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates controlled braking to a safe stop.

Conditions
• varying road conditions with traffic
• recognised stopping points (power pole, tree, traffic lights, stop sign, etc).

Requirements
Note: Left-foot braking is not acceptable at any time.
The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. mirror use first
2. indication (if applicable)
3. smooth and even slowing
4. progressive braking
5. maintaining full control of the vehicle
6. not skidding or slewing
7. appropriate steering line
8. stopping at a nominated point (e.g. hold line, power pole or tree)
9. not stalling or labouring the vehicle
10. not depressing the clutch too early (manual)
11. not selecting neutral while vehicle is in motion
12. re-checking mirrors
13. apply handbrake (prolonged stops only).
Competency No. 11 Hill starts

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates controlled, smooth moving off, without stalling, during the hill start manoeuvre.

Conditions
Parked on incline, adjacent to kerb in low traffic area, with park brake applied.

Requirements
The learner driver will safely demonstrate controlled, smooth moving off from a parked position on an ascending road with a minimum 1 in 10 gradient.

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. mirror use
2. correct gear selection (1\textsuperscript{st} gear for manual, D [DRIVE] for automatic)
3. correct indication
4. appropriate engine revs to find friction point
5. blind-spot checks
6. releasing the park brake
7. not rolling backwards (appropriate use of clutch for manual transmissions)
8. due regard to the safety and convenience of other road users
9. cancelling indicators (if required)
10. re-checking mirrors
11. moving off on the first attempt.
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<td>5. driving in accordance with all road rules.</td>
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Competency No. 13 Reversing

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe and accurate reversing parallel to a kerb.

Requirements
The learner driver demonstrates safe and accurate reversing along the kerb for a minimum of 25 metres.

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. observation for traffic including mirror use, scanning and looking to the rear
2. no wheel will touch the kerb
3. both kerbside wheels will be within half a metre (500 mm) of the kerb at all times
4. no forward adjustments.

Conditions
- straight level road with kerb and free of parked vehicles or other obstructions
- non-traffic or low level traffic area
- clear of pedestrian activity.
Competency No. 14 Right-angle parking (front in)

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe and accurate parking between two vehicles parked at a right angle to the kerb, then leaves the parked position to face the opposite direction to that of entry. No part of the vehicle may strike another object or impinge on another parking bay.

Requirements
The learner driver will select an appropriate area and safely park nose to kerb between 2 vehicles at right angles to the kerb without striking any other vehicle, any person, animal or object including a kerb, gutter, parking meter or sign, and complete the parking manoeuvre in a reasonable time.

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. selection of an appropriate parking space
2. mirror use
3. correct indication
4. appropriate speed
5. appropriate steering
6. parking the vehicle completely in the bay and securing the vehicle (including applying park brake)
7. scanning continually when reversing out of the bay
8. not obstructing other traffic unduly
9. reversing out of the parking bay to face the opposite direction to that of entry
10. minimum steering correction required to move off
11. steering movement to only occur while the vehicle is in motion.

Conditions
- right angle parking space with vehicles in parking spaces either side of the vacant space
- where limited parking options are available, a minimum of 1 vehicle adjacent to the vacant parking space can be accepted.
### Competency No. 15 Reverse parallel parking

**Performance**

The learner driver demonstrates safe and accurate reverse parallel parking.

**Conditions**

- straight, level, low traffic area clear of pedestrian activity
- kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge.

**Requirements**

The instructor or learner driver will select an appropriate area and the learner driver will safely reverse park behind a vehicle parallel to the kerb without striking any other vehicle, any person, animal or object including a kerb, gutter, parking meter or sign, and complete the parking manoeuvre in a reasonable time.

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. mirror use
2. correct indication
3. observation for traffic and pedestrians with mirror use, scanning and looking to the rear
4. not reversing more than 3 metres behind the parked vehicle while manoeuvring (measured between the rear of the parked vehicle and the front of the vehicle being parked)
5. reversing in one continual movement
6. securing the vehicle within 1 to 2 metres of the parked vehicle (after reversing, if needed, the learner driver may straighten up in a forward motion)
7. the left wheels are within 300mm of the kerb and in the straight ahead position
8. the vehicle is parallel to the kerb
9. the vehicle is safely secured, including park brake applied
10. mirror use before leaving parked position
11. indication before leaving parked position
12. blind-spot check before leaving parked position
13. not obstructing traffic or pedestrians when leaving parked position
14. steering movement to only occur while the vehicle is in motion.
Competency No. 16 U-turns

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates completion of a safe and efficient U-turn using forward gears.

Conditions

• straight level road preferably with kerbed edges and clear of driveways
• low level traffic area
• road of appropriate width that the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre.

Requirements
The learner driver will select an appropriate area and safely complete a minimum of 4 U-turns.

Two of the 4 U-turns must be on a wide road with kerbed edges and the remaining 2 can be any of the following:

• through a median strip
• at an intersection

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. mirror use, correct indication and blind-spot check prior to the U-turn
2. continual observation throughout the exercise
3. turning the steering wheel only while in motion
4. not hitting kerbs or objects
5. no reversing adjustments
6. not obstructing traffic
7. compliance with all road rules
8. mirror use, correct indication (if required) and blind-spot check prior to re-joining traffic stream.
Competency No. 17 Turning around on the road – e.g. three-point turn

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe and efficient turning around in the road, using forward and reverse gears.

Conditions
• straight level road with kerbed edges and clear of driveways
• low level traffic area
• road of appropriate width that the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre in 3 to 5 directional changes.

Requirements
The learner driver will select an appropriate area and safely turn around in the road without striking any other object.

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. correct stopping procedure prior to commencing the exercise
2. use of mirrors, indication and blind-spot check when commencing first forward turn
3. continual scanning in all directions throughout the exercise
4. completion of the manoeuvre in 3 to 5 directional changes within a reasonable time
5. an adequate turn in each movement
6. turning the steering wheel only while in motion
7. not using driveways or verges to assist
8. not hitting or mounting a kerb or striking an object
9. not obstructing traffic unnecessarily
10. mirror check, blind-spot check and indication prior to moving off.
Competency No. 18 Lane changing, merging, forming one lane

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe lane changing to the left and right, when merging, and when forming one lane.

Note: Form one lane is not a merge.

Conditions
Moderate traffic conditions on multi-lane roads.

Requirements
The learner driver will safely change lanes, merge and form one lane.

There will be:
• right-hand lane changes
• left-hand lane changes
• merges (at 70 km/h or more)
• form one lane
• entering highways / multi-laned roads.

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. selecting the appropriate lane
2. mirror use
3. correct signals
4. blind-spot check prior to lane change
5. smooth controlled lane change
6. cancelling indicator
7. re-checking mirrors
8. no traffic obstruction
9. adopting an appropriate speed.
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The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. checking it is safe to overtake
2. mirror use
3. indication
4. blind-spot check
5. checking the overtaken vehicle is visible in the central mirror before moving back into lane
6. indication/blind-spot check back into lane
7. appropriate speed before, during and after overtaking
8. not obstructing traffic.
Competency No. 20 Observation skills, visual searching and scanning, hazard recognition

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates continuous forward scanning and regular observation to the sides and rear of the vehicle.

The learner driver demonstrates appropriate behaviours in relation to an encounter with a motorcycle, heavy vehicle and/or emergency vehicle.

Conditions
Varying road and traffic conditions.

Requirements
The learner driver will maintain continuous observation to the front, sides and rear of the vehicle.

Part 1:
The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. continuous scanning to both the left and the right
2. scanning short, middle and long distances
3. mirror checks every 8 to 10 seconds
4. operating any controls required without diverting attention from road and traffic conditions
5. correct response to any potential or real hazard
6. three minutes of commentary driving.

Part 2:
The learner driver will provide commentary while driving and demonstrate appropriate behaviours in relation to managing an encounter with a motorcycle, heavy vehicle and/or an emergency vehicle.
Competency No. 21 Compliance with the System of Vehicle Control

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates consistency in the application of the System of Vehicle Control.

Conditions
Roads with features requiring driver preparation – e.g. stop and give way signs, right and left turn intersections, lane changes, etc.

Requirements
The learner driver will drive the vehicle continually using the System of Vehicle Control in the accepted sequence.

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. correct course selection (observing/deciding/selecting correct line of approach)
2. mirror use first
3. indication (where required)
4. braking (where required)
5. appropriate gear selection
6. mirror use again
7. correct evasive action (avoiding or negotiating a situation or hazard by stopping, turning, etc.)
8. appropriate acceleration when exiting course
9. appropriate mirror use when exiting course
10. continually checking mirrors.
Competency No. 22 Driving at night

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates consistency in the application of all previously attained competencies during hours of darkness.

CONDITIONS
Varying road and traffic conditions in the hours of darkness (i.e. no earlier than official sunset plus 15 minutes or no later than official sunrise minus 15 minutes on any day).

Requirements
The learner driver will maintain continuous effective observation to the front, sides and rear of the vehicle.

The learner driver will demonstrate:

1. continuous scanning to both left and right
2. scanning short, middle and long distances
3. mirror checks every 8 to 10 seconds
4. appropriate use of lighting controls
5. operating any controls without diverting attention from the road and traffic conditions
6. correct response to any potential or real hazard
7. appropriate crash avoidance space.
Competency No. 23 Driving on busy roads and unfamiliar roads

Performance
The learner driver demonstrates safe, controlled and efficient driving on busy roads and unfamiliar roads.

Requirements
The learner driver will drive the vehicle in heavy traffic flow conditions and in unfamiliar areas.

The learner driver must negotiate:
- stop signs
- give way signs
- traffic lights

The learner driver will demonstrate:
1. efficient operation of all vehicle controls
2. correct lane positions
3. keeping to the left where appropriate
4. safe following distances
5. driving at or close to the posted limit when safe to do so
6. continual concentration and observation
7. correct application of all road rules

Conditions
Wide variety of different road and traffic situations.
8. awareness of hazards / potential hazards
9. all elements of the system of driving and vehicle control in the correct order
10. any competency negotiated to the required standard
11. courtesy towards other road users.

NOTES
Section 3 - Supervised Driving Log

Record of lessons

The following pages contain space for you to record your lessons with your DriveSafe NT driving instructor if you would like to. This information is already recorded on DriveSafe NT Online.

This record can be used to keep track of your e-voucher numbers, the number of lessons you have had with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor and any competencies that are achieved during each lesson.

Space is also provided for comments should you want to use it.
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How to use the supervised practical driving log

The supervised driving log is your record of the driving practice you do with family and friends in between lessons with a DriveSafe NT driving instructor.

Completing the supervised practical driving log each time you drive is a great way to keep track of the number of hours practice, as well as the conditions that you have practised driving in.

Try to complete an entry in the log book every time you drive, even if it’s only for a 5 minute drive to the local shops. You might be surprised just how quickly those short trips add up to hours of practice.

Qualifying for rewards and incentives

The DriveSafe NT program offers incentives (such as fuel vouchers) for completing 40, 60 and 80 hours of supervised driving practice. Once you have completed 40 hours, contact the DriveSafe NT team on 1800 121 411 to claim your reward.

If you need more practical driving log pages please visit www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent.
Filling in the supervised driving log

Instead of writing full details of the road and driving conditions for each time you practice it is suggested that you use the abbreviations below.

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